

Health Insurance Reform

DAILY MYTHBUSTER: Impact on the Deficit

Health insurance reform opponents, including Republican Congressman Mike Pence of Indiana, continue to spread myths about [America's Affordable Health Choices Act](#)'s effect on the deficit.

Myth: “The American people know what government-run health care will mean: ... bigger deficit...” – Congressman Mike Pence [\[7/28/09\]](#)

Fact: The nonpartisan CBO found America's Affordable Health Choices Act is deficit neutral.

· The CBO released estimates confirming that the health insurance reform policies of America's Affordable Health Choices Act are deficit-neutral over the 10-year budget window

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even producing a \$6 billion surplus.

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CBO estimated that the cost of the bill's insurance reforms was \$1.042 trillion, while the bill's

cost savings and revenues totaled \$1.048 trillion.

CBO estimated that these reforms will provide affordable coverage for 97 percent of Americans two years after the program starts.

In addition, the President has said: "I've also pledged that health insurance reform will not add to our deficit over the next decade. And I mean it ...
[health insurance reform] will be paid for."

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